

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 16 are amended.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,078,274 to Inou in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,326,723 B1 to Raj et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Inou or Raj, nor their combination, teaches, discloses or even suggests that the plurality of projections are formed from the at least one of the pair of transparent electrodes, as claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claim 16.

Inou discloses antireflective films selectively provided on at least one of the transparent conductive films. That is, the touch panel of Inou has projections that are made from antireflective films 8 (insulating films). However, they are not made from transparent electrodes. See, for example, Figures 1 and 2 of Inou. Further, as discussed in column 4, lines 42-43 of Inou "on the transparent insulating films 2a and 2b, antireflective films 8 are

provided by, for example, offset printing..." Thus, it is an object of the invention of Inou to provide a touch panel which enables a bright display screen when mounted on a display device without impairing the input sensitivity of the touch panel. In contrast, according to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, the plurality of projections are formed from transport electrodes (conductive material).

Raj does not make up for the deficiency of Inou discussed above.

Raj discloses a display screen 10 receiving image light to be displayed through or on the screen and rejects ambient light coming from the viewers side of the screen 10. Thus, Raj reports to provide a screen with adequate gain, brightness and contrast while improving ambient light rejection and reducing speckle. However, the display screen of Raj includes projections which are not made from transparent electrodes.

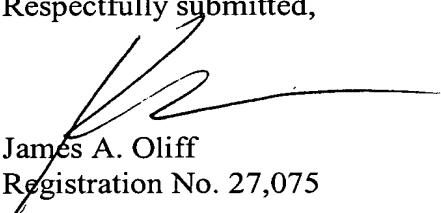
For at least the reasons outlined above, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Inou and Raj is respectfully solicited.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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